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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ELAB, ICFTU, SHUM, UR

SUBJ: ILO COMPLAINT AGAINST USSR FILED

REF: BRUSSELS 7816 (NOTAL)

1. IN A FORMAL COMPLAINT BEING FILED WITH THE ILO THE WORLD CONFEDERATION OF LABOR (WCL) CHARGES THE SOVIET UNION WITH VIOLATION OF TRADE UNION FREEDOM, ACCORDING TO WCL VICE PRESIDENT JEF HOUTHUYS. HOUTHUYS TOLD USEC LABOR ATTACHE MAY 10 THAT THE WCL CONFEDERAL BOARD, WHICH MET APRIL 24-28 IN HOUFFALIZE, BELGIUM, DECIDED TO SUPPORT THE CASE OF VLADIMIR KLEBANOV AND OTHER SOVIET WORKERS STRUGGLING TO FORM A FREE TRADE UNION (REFTEL).

2. THE WCL HAS NOT YET PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED THE COMPLAINT, BUT A WCL PRESS RELEASE LAST WEEK HINTED AT IT. THE WCL RELEASE SAID THAT THE "STRUGGLE AGAINST ANY VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND TRADE UNION FREEDOM...WILL BE THE CENTER OF WCL'S ACTION...WITHOUT MAKING SPECIAL ALLOWANCES FOR CERTAIN FORMS OF REGIMES," AND THAT THE WCL WILL MAKE ITS JUDGMENT ON THE BASIS OF HOW THE RIGHTS ARE EXERCISED IN PRACTICE--NOT JUST IN THEORY--"IN ARGENTINA AS WELL AS IN THE SOVIET UNION, IN CHILE AS WELL AS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

3. IN A PRESS RELEASE OF ITS OWN, THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU) HAS REAFFIRMED THAT THE KLEBANOV CASE WILL BE TAKEN UP BY ITS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING IN HAMBURG MAY 17-19. "WORKERS EVERYWHERE MUST HAVE THE RIGHT TO FREELY FORM AND JOIN TRADE UNIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THEIR CHOICE, AS LAID DOWN IN CONVENTION NO. 87 OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION. THIS CONVENTION HAS BEEN RATIFIED BY THE SOVIET UNION. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL EXAMINE WAYS AND MEANS HOW THE FREE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT CAN BEST HELP THE SOVIET WORKERS IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT." HINTON

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